REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 25-37 were pending when last examined, all of which stand rejected. Claims 1, 10, 14, 17, and 37 are amended.

Double Patenting

Claims 14-19 are provisionally rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as Claims 14-19 of copending Application No. 10/961,506 ("the copending Application"). Claims 14-19 in Application No. 10/961,506 are canceled in the reply to the Office Action that issued on July 21, 2008. Hence, this rejection is moot.

Claims 1-13 and 25-37 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of copending Application in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,914,649 to Liu ("Liu").

Claim 1 is amended to delete the repeating group that is identical to one of the repeating groups disclosed in Claim 1 of the copending Application. A terminal disclaimer is filed for the copending Application in reply to the Office Action that issued on July 21, 2008. This terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejections made on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Conclusion

All pending Claims are now in condition for allowance. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2257. Please telephone the undersigned attorney at (408) 392-9250 if there are any questions.

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